

# South Dakota National Guard

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## **Weber promoted to colonel in SD National Guard**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard promoted John Weber, of Rapid City, to the rank of colonel during a March 24 ceremony on Camp Rapid.

Weber, a native of Ethan, began his military service in 1986 as a canon crewman with Battery A, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, which was located in Mitchell at the time. He received his commission through the South Dakota Military Academy in 1990. The following year he earned a Bachelor of Science in Geography and Education from South Dakota State University.

Weber held numerous positions within the field artillery that included commanding Battery C in Yankton from 1997-2000 where he led the unit through the M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System transition and certification and as commander of the Headquarters Battery, 147th FA.

Weber began working fulltime for the SDARNG in 1999 as the drug demand reduction administrator for in Rapid City and was instrumental in the development of the in-school substance abuse prevention programs.

In 2003, he moved to the Recruiting and Retention Command, holding numerous positions to include battalion commander.

In January of 2008, Weber deployed to Afghanistan as the commander of the South Dakota Embedded Training Team. Upon his arrival he was subsequently assigned as the commander of Forward Operating Base Konduz, Afghanistan, which housed U.S. and Coalition Forces. Weber commanded four mentor teams with the responsibility to train and mentor Afghan Army and Police Forces in both Konduz and Baghlan Provinces.

Upon returning from Afghanistan, Weber was assigned as the commander of 1st Battalion, 196th Regional Training Institute, which is the Officer Candidate School Battalion for the Western Region of the U.S., with the responsibility for training officer candidates from all over the U.S. to become Army officers.

Weber has worked as the full-time deputy directorate of plans with responsibility for the State Partnership Program, the National Guard State Strategic Plan, Continuous Process Improvement, Continuity of Operations Plan and Army Communities of Excellence.

Most recently, he was appointed as the full-time deputy chief of staff for personnel.

“In the personnel world, most people come to you with an issue they need some help with,” Weber said. “I like to be able to work with our team to help them get the solution they need.

“I am humbled to be given this opportunity to continue to serve this great state and nation at this level,” said Weber. “We have some of the best Soldiers in the Army and getting this chance to continue to serve with them in this new role is truly an honor.”

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**160324-Z-FO377-001:** U.S. Army Col. John Weber, South Dakota Army National Guard, is promoted to the rank of colonel during a March 24, 2016 ceremony at Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D. Helping with the pinning is his daughter, Emily, his wife, Meredith, and son, Joe. (Army National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Chad Carlson/Released)



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